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Mexico Bans Poultry Imports from a County in Minnesota

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Report Highlights:

On August 31, 2009, the GOM informed USDA that imports of live birds, poultry meat products, and eggs not treated with a thermal process from Meeker County of the state of Minnesota are prohibited due to detection of low path avian influenza (LPAI). Cooked products are exempt.

General Information:

IMPORT BAN FOR MEEKER COUNTY MINNESOTA DUE TO INFLUENZA

CASES

The Mexican Veterinary Service (SENASICA) has banned the imports of live birds, poultry meat products, and eggs not treated with a thermal process from the county of Meeker Minnesota, due to recent findings of low pathogenic avian influenza type H7N9 in a commercial turkey flock.

On August 31, 2009, SENASICA communicated to USDA the ban of imports of poultry and poultry products from the county of Meeker effective July 5, 2009. The effective date is 21 days before the first confirmed event within the respective county. The SENASICA ban follows GOM regulations as outlined in the Mexican NOM 044-ZOO-1995 Campaign Against Avian Influenza.

The import ban includes both products for retail or direct human consumption and for further processing or thermal treatment. Products subjected to a thermal treatment (cooked) are exempt from this prohibition.

REGULATIONS FOR POULTRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS EXPORTS

Table 1 summarizes some of the regulations that are currently being implemented by the GOM for U.S. live poultry and poultry meat exports.

Table 1. Mexico: Current Import Regulations for Poultry and Poultry Products				
ITEM	RAW POULTRY FOR RETAIL & FOR FURTHER PROCESSING*	FULLY COOKED POULTRY MEAT AND EGG PRODUCTS	TABLE, SPF** AND HATCHING EGGS	LIVE BIRDS
Export Status from All U.S. States 1/	YES 5	YES	YES 1 5	YES 5
Required Language On Cleaning And Disinfection Of Trucks	YES	NO	YES	YES
Required Sealing Of Trucks At Point Of Origin	NO	NO	NO	YES
Required Language that Product is Fit for Human Consumption and Freely Marketed in the U.S.	YES	NO	2	2

Agar Gel or ELISA Test Required	③	NO	③	③
Certification Requirements On Exotic Newcastle Disease ④	YES	YES	YES	YES
<p>* MDM and cut exports are only approved to proceed to Federal Inspected Plant (TIF) meat processing facilities authorized by SAGARPA.</p> <p>** SPF, Specific Pathogen Free</p> <p>1/ The exports of poultry products and by-products from the State of Arkansas, that come from birds slaughtered between May 10 until July 14, 2008 remains prohibited.</p> <p>① Boxes of table eggs as well as SPF eggs must show the stamp of the competent authority.</p> <p>② SPF, hatching eggs and live birds should be freely marketed in the U.S.</p> <p>③ When a plant and farm/flock is registered under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), the Agar Gel or ELISA test will not be required; otherwise the tests will be required by SAGARPA.</p> <p>④ Exotic Newcastle Disease statement for meat, meat products and by products. - “That the product comes from flocks that have a monitoring program of 70 birds that began after 12 days of age, using viral isolation tests and identification of velogenic strains through a test that indicates intracerebral pathogenicity in chicks of one day of age and that is carried out for each lot that is delivered for slaughter, obtaining negative results for Velogenic Newcastle disease, or that comes from a country free of Velogenic Newcastle Disease.”</p> <p>⑤ Imports of live birds, fresh eggs, poultry meat products and by products chilled and /or frozen are prohibited by the Mexican Government Authorities: As of March 9, 2009, from Edmonson County, Kentucky As of April 3, 2009, from Giles County, Tennessee As of April 10, 2009, from Lincoln County, Tennessee As of July 5, 2009, from Meeker County, Minnesota</p> <p>For additional information regarding poultry meat and egg products exports to Mexico see the FSIS Export Library at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations & Policies/Mexico Requirements/index.asp (Export Requirements for meat and poultry products).</p> <p>The Mexican phyto-zoo-sanitary requirements sheets (HRZ's) for each kind of imported product to Mexico are available at http://148.245.191.4/zooweb/inicio.aspx</p> <p>Source: SAGARPA/SENASICA/Animal Health Directorate.</p>				

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